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In re Application of: NIEDERSTAETTER et al.

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Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina

March 8, 2010

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 9, 2009, kindly consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this paper.